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1. (Secret - JMM) Called on Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Counsel for the Pike Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee investigating the Pueblo and EC-121 incidents and explained to him the scope of Agency recon activities. Mr. Slatinshek said he was sure this explanation would satisfy Chairman Pike. See Memo for the Record for details.

2. (Confidential - JMM) Called on Representative William G. Bray and discussed briefly with him the Soviet leadership situation, mentioning the fact that we had no evidence that the recent deaths of a number of Soviet general officers were attributable to a purge of the military.

3. (Internal Use Only - CEA) Mrs. Packett, in the office of Representative Burt L. Talcott (R., Calif.), called to request information on [redacted]

[redacted] After checking with Biographic Registry, I informed Mrs. Packett that the Agency has no record of [redacted] and suggested that she check with the House Committee on Internal Security.

4. (Unclassified - CEA) Miss Sheelagh Perry, in the office of Representative Jonathan Bingham (D., N. Y.), called and requested a copy of a recent speech by Lin-Piao. [redacted] to the Congressman and so informed Miss Perry.

5. (Confidential - CEA) Checked with Frances Christy, House Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee staff, on the three private bills sponsored by the Agency. She said all of them will be passed over in the Private Bill Calendar on 20 May as they will not be on the Calendar seven days before the Calendar date as required by the objectors. They will come up on the next Calendar on 3 June.

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4. (Secret - JMM) Talked with Frank Slatinshek, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who said that there was some feeling in the Pike Subcommittee investigating the Pueblo and related reconnaissance flaps that the Agency might be engaged in some reconnaissance activities which had not been brought to the Subcommittee's attention and which the Subcommittee should know about. I questioned this, but Slatinshek said that in any event he would like a rundown of any reconnaissance activities run unilaterally by the Agency which involved flap potential after which we could decide whether any of them fell within the jurisdiction of the Pike Subcommittee. If so, Slatinshek said we should at least make Pike and the senior Republican member, Mr. Bray, aware of the situation.

5. (Confidential - JMM) Paid a routine call on Representative Charles Bennett who said he had no problems regarding the Agency or its Armed Services Subcommittee except a feeling that there should be an early meeting of the Subcommittee. He expressed concern about the way the Safeguard issue had been handled and said he hoped that at the next meeting of our Subcommittee we could clarify the situation. I explained to him that our competence and authority was strictly limited to Soviet weapons and we were in no position to discuss the pros and cons of Safeguard as such.

6. (Secret - JMM) In the course of a routine call on Representative William G. Bray, I gave a brief rundown on tensions in the Middle East, Soviet leadership situation, and Soviet naval activities and submarine construction. As in the past, Mr. Bray was much concerned about the situation in the universities and the student attacks on the Agency, and has several speeches and articles on this subject in the mill.

7. (Unclassified - JMM) Paid a brief courtesy call on Representative Leslie Arends who said he thought a meeting of our House Armed Services Subcommittee was "overdue" and he would take the matter up with Chairman Rivers shortly.

8. (Unclassified - JMM) Paid a courtesy call on Representative Alvin O'Konski who seemed mainly concerned with student unrest but commented on a need for an early meeting of our House Armed Services Subcommittee. 25X1

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